



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, and Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Evans called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Tom Smith led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Larry Prince gave the invocation.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

AGENDA
Monday, June 5, 2017
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for June 5th, 2017 Meeting
Motion on minutes from meeting on 3/20, 5/1, 5/15.
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business, Journey Wellness, Kevin Powell
- B. 6:45 Public Agenda Comments
- C. 7:00 Public Hearing – NC DOT to take over Health Services Road.
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- D. 7:15 William Maxwell (Page 2)
Re: Nuisance Ordinance
- E. General Business
 - 1. Rescue Services Contract (**Action Requested**) (Page 3-4)
 - 2. Fairgrounds Use Policy (Page 5-11)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding with Nature Conservancy (**Action Requested**) (Page 12-13)
 - 4. NCACC Insurance Approval (**Action Requested**) (Page 14-17)
 - 5. Workforce Development Board Appointment – Paul Demmink (**Action Requested**) (Page 18-19)
 - 6. Wilkes Community College Board Appointment – Susan Doughton Murphy (**Action Requested**)
 - 7. County Comprehensive Marketing Plan Update
- F. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- G. County Manager Comments
 - 1. Thank a Veteran Kickoff Update
- H. Commissioners Comments
 - 1. Commissioner John Irwin
 - i. Community Event Bulletin Board
 - ii. Renaming of Sparta Bypass as a Truck Route

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Bobby Irwin noted in the May 1st, 2017 meeting minutes it stated that Greg Walker thanked Commissioner John Irwin , but he misspoke it is written correctly.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20, May 1, and May 15, 2017. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans introduced Journey Wellness as the Spotlight business. In their absence he moved on.

Chair Evans opened the public agenda comments. Seeing no movement he then closed that section.

County Manager Mike James explained the alternate rout the Department of Transportation offered and asked the Board to gain public input.

The Board discussed the other buildings along the road and how it would affect some them.

Commissioner Tom Smith asked if the trucks using the road currently has created any safety concerns for those buildings along the road

Commissioner Prince asked if it would be an option to bring Osborne Rd out on up the hill on Hwy 18.

County Manager Mike James said he was sure they would look into it.

Chair Evans wanted to ask the DOT why this option was their preferred option. Commissioner Larry Prince said the DOT would be taking over an expense the County already has at keeping that road up.

Commissioner John Irwin said the safety concerns are the most important though.

Chair Evans opened the public hearing.

Becky Miller and Mitch Franklin from Alleghany Group Homes said they were in support of the State taking over the road, because it would be much safer for people to accesses that area. They noted there are a lot of trucks that already use the road to make it easier to access.

Chair Evans seeing no one else closed the public hearing.

William Maxwell asked questions of the Board concerning the nuisance ordinance.

Commissioner Prince said we are citizens of this County. He went on to say the Board has the citizens' interest at heart in all their discussions. He then stated the Board is not trying to attack farmers the ordinance is to help clean up the County so that people want to be a part of the County. The ordinance is still being worked on and nothing is written into law yet.

County Manager Mike James explained the contract between the Alleghany County and the Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the contract for rescue squad. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained to the changes had been made to the Fairgrounds use policy and the copies in their packets were just for them to have to look over. He said it had already been voted on it was just an update. He then went on to

explain the memorandum of understanding between the Alleghany County and the Nature Conservancy.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if the conservancy would be willing to sale the property and if it would be up to them to putting it on the market or if it would be a joint venture.

County Manager Mike James said yes they want to sale the property and the memorandum states that it would be a joint venture.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin clarified some points through the agreement and asked if the Conservancy would be willing to sale the property.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Nature Conservancy. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the property/liability and workers compensation insurance renewal prices for the upcoming year.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the insurance. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James then explained there was an option to add additional liability coverage if the Board was interested in that.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to add the \$1,000,000 insurance coverage in the amount of \$7,387. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the Workforce Development Board and read the email asking to reappoint Paul Demmik.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Paul Demmik's reappointment to the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James stated the Wilkes Community College Board had asked to reappointment Duane Davis and the topic had been tabled until this meeting and Susan Doughton Murphy was being recommended to be appointed.

Commissioner Tom Smith stated he had a point of order. He said when this topic was tabled it was with a different appointee and then came back with a different name to be appointed. He asked if a topic is tabled and then it comes back totally different, if that was the way it worked.

Commissioner John Irwin said a recommendation for the appointment was made and he had recommended tabling the topic. He said he viewed it as an open position to be filled, but it didn't have to be the person they had recommended.

Commissioner Tom Smith noted Mr. Davis had served two terms, eight years, and has the recommendation of his peers as well as the president of the college. He said he felt like Mr. Davis at least deserved a vote.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to reappoint Mr. Duane Davis to the Wilkes Community College Board.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin clarified that Duane Davis had been on the Wilkes Community College Board for two full terms which was eight years.

Commissioner John Irwin stated how can you expect change if you keep putting the same people in those positions.

Commissioner Tom Smith said the community college folks presented to the Board just the other day and stated there were tons of new and exciting things happening at the college.

Chair Evans said he had spoken with both the candidates and the County is blessed to have two people willing to serve with the life experiences.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said speaking to Mr. Davis' commitment he always attends every meeting or function going on at the school.

Commissioner Prince said they are both qualified.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 3:2 (Commissioner Larry Prince and Commissioner John Irwin)

Dale Caveny introduced Jordan Edwards who is interning with Alleghany County, Town of Sparta, the Business Development Center, and in the extension office with the Farmers Market on Fridays. He went on to update the Board on the County Marketing Plan. He said they had conducted some group sessions with questionnaires and discussion with the marketing group, Destination by Design.

Chair Evans opened the floor for public comments. Seeing no movement he then closed that section.

County Manager Mike James thanked all the donors for the Thank a Veteran program and said the event went very well.

Chair Evans said it was a great event.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Thank a Veteran kick off day was great and thanked everyone that was involved. He mentioned the Memorial Day event and how well it went. Next he spoke about the kickoff for the Vaya Health Kiosk at the County Library next week.

County Manager Mike James noted there is a public hearing in front of the Planning Board next week on June 12th, 2017 at 6:30 pm. He went on to say that there would be a ribbon cutting on June 23rd, 2017 at 11 am at the Bluff's. He also noted the upcoming budget meeting for next week.

Commissioner Larry Prince said he attended music on main and it was great with a large crowd.

Commissioner John Irwin spoke about a bulletin board at the corner to let people know what is going on in the County. He went on to say when the Sparta Parkway is completed he would like it to be named a truck route instead of a bypass so that people don't bypass the downtown area in Sparta.

County Manager Mike James said it is the plan to be named US 21 Truck Route.

Chair Evans said he liked the idea.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair